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3: The Nationalist Party members are intelligent and honest. I seriously doubt that they will permanently alienate some one million whites of the United Party, while they have the problem of handling nine million natives.

4: The United party have in my opinion acted foolishly. The difference between the parties are mainly religious and are capable of amicable settlement.

5: The Germans in Southwest Africa and in Capetown do not like the Boers. Although they voted almost unanimously for the Nationalists in the last election, I think they will continue as an independent party or group in the future.

B 1: The recent victory of the Malan government has made absolutely no change in our attitude towards South African investment.

2: The government is absolutely dependent on the continued operation and success of the Rand gold mines and is not going to do anything to impair this success.

3: The native question will in my opinion result in a revolution some day but, with the absolute control by the government of the army, police and arms, there can be no native uprising which will interfere seriously with mining operations for fifty years.

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- 4: The Boers have a "White man's country" and are going to maintain a "White man's country as long as they can.
- 5: I believe conditions will be stable there.

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